

Blankenship respectfully submits that oral argument may assist the Court in evaluating the facts and legal issues of the matter.

The government likewise does not attempt to dispute the ongoing harm that Mr. Blankenship continues to suffer as a result of this ill-gotten conviction. For good reason – the harm to him is indisputable. As more fully detailed in his Motion for Oral Argument, Mr. Blankenship has been publicly villainized and had his reputation continually assassinated in the wake of his conviction. It is axiomatic that justice delayed is justice denied. This is especially true here, as the harm to Mr. Blankenship stemming from the wrongful conviction persists, is intensified with each passing day, and will continue until this Court renders its decision.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons and those stated more fully in Mr. Blankenship's Motion for Oral Argument, this Court should order oral argument regarding the issues raised in Mr. Blankenship's 2255 Motion.

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